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Claim 6 (amended). Method according to claim 1, wherein the gas zone is a diffusion hose.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to place the claim into conventional format, and to eliminate improper multiple dependency.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

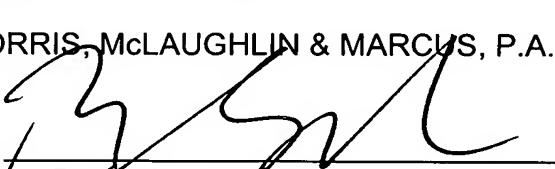
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Claim 6 (amended). Method according to [one of the above-mentioned  
Claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the gas zone is a diffusion hose.

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